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PATENT  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0359-00

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of: )  
Shinobu KURIYA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2136  
Application No.: 10/624,019 ) Examiner:  
Filed: July 21, 2003 ) Okoronkwo, C. C.  
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, ) Confirmation No:  
INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, AND ) 5079  
COMPUTER PROGRAM USED THEREWITH )

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 41.31**

Sir:

Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the  
Examiner's decision mailed July 3, 2007.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. ☐ Applicant petitions for a [Fee] month extension of time, based on the mailing date of the outstanding Office action. The petition fee of \$[Fee] is enclosed.
2. ☐ Applicant has previously filed a Petition for extension of time extending the period for response to the outstanding Office action to [Date]. Applicant now petitions for an additional extension of time to extend the period for response to [Date]. The petition fee of \$[Fee] is enclosed.
3. ☒ The Notice of Appeal Fee of \$500.00 ☐ is enclosed.
4. ☐ The Notice of Appeal Fee was previously paid in this application on [Date], but the appeal was not completed. Accordingly, no Appeal Fee is due at this time.

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5. ☒ A pre-appeal brief conference is requested. The request and supporting documentation are attached.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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